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SUBJECT: REPORTS THAT MILITARY TRIUMVIRATE WILL REPLACE
PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ

1. AS OF MID-AFTERNOON JAN 9 THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN ECUADOR
REMAINS UNCLEAR. REPORTS RECEIVED BY MISSION SUBSTANTIATE
THAT THREE SERVICE CHIEFS APPARENTLY AGREED YESTERDAY THAT
PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ SHOULD BE REMOVED, BUT COULD NOT AGREE
UPON A FORMULA FOR HIS SUCCESSOR. RUMORS ARE THAT CHIEFS
OF SERVICES UNABLE TO AGREE IF A TRIUMVIRATE OR SINGLE
INDIVIDUAL (OR WHICH INDIVIDUAL) SHOULD REPLACE THE PRESIDENT.
JOINT COMMAND AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF THREE SERVICES HAVE
CONTINUED TO MEET THROUGHOUT JAN 9.

2. RUMORS OF IMMINENT REMOVAL OF THE PRESIDENT ARE CIRCULATING
WIDELY THROUGHT QUITO, AND VARIOUS ACCOUNTS ARE BEING
REPEATED ABOUT DISAGREEMENT AMONG SENIOR MILITARY OFFICIALS.
SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, GEN BOLIVAR
LOPEZ HERRMANN, ISSUED VIA RADIO AN ANNOUNCEMENT AT
APPROXIMATELY 1:30 P.M. JAN 9 WHICH HAS BEEN REPEATED

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THAT RUMORS REGARDING REMOVAL OF THE PRESIDENT ARE FALSE.

3. MISSION CONTINUES TO MONITOR SITUATION.
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